

IN THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Applicants: Sergio A. Vinocur, et al

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
OPERATING AN APPLIANCE LIGHT



Group Art Unit: 2821

Examiner: Tran, T.V.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Box Non-Fee Amendment
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed January 30, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing remarks have been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Formal Drawings.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 8-13 have been allowed. Claims 1, 14, and 20 stand rejected. Claims 2-7 and 15-19 stand objected to.

Applicants note the objections to the drawings due to informalities. Specifically, Applicants have made the lines and reference numbers uniform and legible. Applicants are submitting formal drawings incorporating the above-noted changes. No new matter has been added.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn and the formal drawings approved.

The rejection of Claims 1, 14, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Prada (US 4,300,025) is respectfully traversed.

Prada describes a refrigerator door switch (20) operable by either one or both of two adjacent doors (12 and 16) of a two-door refrigerator-freezer (1) to control internal lights (11 and 15). The door switch includes a housing (30), a main portion (32), a cross portion (34),